Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rose "June" Etzkorn was born on November 1, 1929, to Tony and Berniece Etzkorn, and grew up in the DeGrey area east of Pierre, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, June earned her degree in elementary education and taught in the Hughes and Sully County rural schools prior to marrying and starting a family; and,

Whereas, June married Raymond Guthrie on September 7, 1954, in Hyde County, and to that union six children were born: Veronica, James, Sheila, Clark, Kent, and Morris, who further blessed their lives with eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, June was involved in the Book 'n Thimble Club, St. Martins Catholic Church Guild, Canvasback Art Club, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and as a 4-H leader, and thoroughly enjoys bird watching, painting, woodworking, gardening and canning, family history and genealogy, quilting and sewing, reading, telling stories, cooking, and working with young people to achieve their goals; and,

Whereas, June will observe her 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather at an open house on November 1, 2009, to honor and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing June a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State